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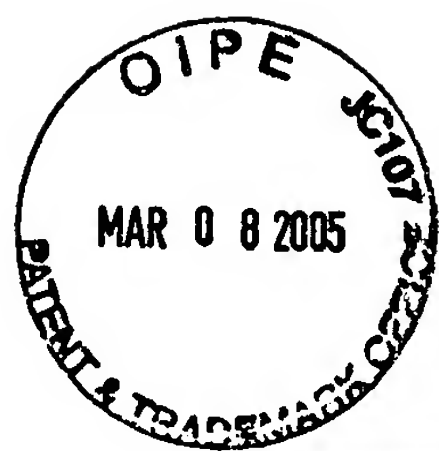
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**Docket Number:** 29181.00  
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In response to the office action mailed on February 8, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 6 of this paper.